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## Van Woerkom's Fuel Cell Technology Resolution Passed by Senate

LANSING – A resolution sponsored by Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, to urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States to support fuel cell technology projects in Michigan was adopted by the Michigan State Senate on April 23.

“Michigan is ready to take up President Bush’s charge to bring fuel cell technology into the homes of Americans,” Van Woerkom said. “Michigan’s history is closely linked to the automotive industry. We have the right resources, the right workers and the right environment to make fuel cell technology a reality for the average consumer.”

Senate Resolution 17 urges President Bush and Congress to pursue and support fuel cell technology research projects in Michigan.

Mr. Todd Battle, of Muskegon Area First, testified before the Senate Technology and Energy Committee on April 2 in support of the Senate Resolution 17. The organization is working on Edison Lansing, the Muskegon SmartZone which is focused on alternative energy research including stationary fuel cells.

“We are very supportive and excited about the opportunity to bring additional research dollars into Michigan, especially as it relates to our SmartZone program in Muskegon and the NextEnergy initiative in the state,” Battle said.

SR 17 was adopted by the Senate through a unanimous vote. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the President and members of Congress.